



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

LACONIA, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1st, 1885.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF LACONIA,
COMPRISING THOSE OF THE
TREASURER, SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE
POOR AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.



LACONIA, N. H.:
DEMOCRAT POWER PRINT.
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Valuation.

Polls, (1029)	\$ 102,900 00
Buildings and land,	1,182,190 00
Horses, (301)	26,180 00
Oxen, (90)	4,608 00
Cows, (307)	8,460 00
Other neat stock, (166)	3,154 00
Sheep, (176)	550 00
Hogs, (28)	242 00
Carriages, (84)	6,314 00
Stock in public funds,	13,200 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,	87,400 00
Stock in corporations out of State,	2,642 00
Money on hand at interest and on deposit,	79,744 00
Stock in trade,	134,266 00
Factories and machinery,	172,400 00
Steam boats,	5,200 00
	<hr/> \$1,829,450 00
Less exempt from taxation by vote of town,	21,120 00
	<hr/> \$1,808,330 00
Scholars—Boys, 319.	
Girls, 332.	
Soldiers—679.	
Dogs—261.	

Appropriations.

State tax,	\$4,548 00	
County tax,	5,170 53	
Schools,	3,979 50	
Current expenses,	3,000 00	
Highways and bridges,	8,000 00	
Firemen,	1,200 00	
Support of poor,	400 00	
Precinct current expenses,	800 00	
Library,	500 00	
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Soldiers' monument,	2,000 00	
	— — — — —	\$29,698 03
School House tax, Dis. No. 1,		650 00

Rate of tax for State, County, Town, School and Highway, \$17.20 per thousand.

Rate of School House tax, Dis. No. 1, 40 cents per thousand.

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Laconia:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1884,	\$7,358 25
Cash from F. W. Ladd, overseer of poor,	82 00
J. W. Ashman, town clerk, billiard table licenses,	56 50
John Watson, collector's list, 1883,	88 61
J. L. Dixon, collector's list, 1883,	123 66
John Watson, collector's list, 1884,	2,850 68
S. C. Robinson, collector's list, 1884,	26,300 00
Insurance tax,	63 75
Railroad tax,	1,635 92
Savings Bank tax,	4,938 23
Literary fund,	328 16
D. B. Story, sheriff, rent of office,	24 00
D. B. Story, sheriff of county, bills paid by town at time of Reddy murder,	54 00
S. J. Lamprey, for licenses,	30 00
Town of Gileford, one half expense of plan for drawbridge,	19 50
M. Florence Smith, money hired,	400 00
John Edwards, " "	1000 00
Laconia National Bank, " "	4000 00
	<hr/> \$49,353 26

EXPENDITURES.

Paid County Tax for 1884,	\$5,170 53
State " "	4,548 00
Library " "	500 00
Overseer of Poor, 1884,	350 00
School house tax, " "	650 00
Decorating soldiers' graves, 1884,	100 00
	<hr/> \$11,318 53

INTEREST PAID ON NOTES.

Nathaniel Edwards,	\$60 00	
M. Florence Smith,	66 39	
Harriet Gale,	30 24	
Clara E. Cutting,	81 13	
Nellie F. Jewett,	18 26	
H. K. Tebbetts,	12 00	
W. F. Clifford,	32 86	
L. S. Perley,	14 95	
Laconia National Bank,	83 91	
M. Emma Sanborn,	20 00	
Mary W. Young,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$435 74

NOTES PAID.

M. Florence Smith, No. 29.	\$ 315 00	
Harriet Gale, No. 36,	400 00	
Clara E. Cutting, No. 42,	390 00	
Nellie F. Jewett, No. 16,	600 00	
Harriet K. Tebbetts, No. 54. (in part)	25 00	
W. F. Clifford, No. 55.	400 00	
L. S. Perley, No. 7.	200 00	
Laconia National Bank, No. 18 and 19,	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,330 00

SCHOOL ORDERS.

Dist. No. 1,	\$3,877 90	
" 3,	275 74	
" 4,	208 13	
" 5,	105 62	
	<hr/>	\$4,467 39

BREAKING ROADS, SPRING 1884.

Dist. 1. C. B. S. Watson,	\$268 81	
1. A. J. Farrar,	295 78	
7. J. F. Crockett,	56 55	
8. C. F. Sanborn,	83 70	
9. J. C. Folsom,	50 32	
10. Joseph P. Pitman,	87 95	
11. John H. Robinson,	55 95	
12. John B. Corliss,	53 24	
13. John M. Robinson,	37 35	
14. S. A. Garland,	40 35	
15. John Watson,	19 80	
16. C. H. True,	45 81	
	<hr/>	\$1,095 61

WINTER 1884-1885.

Dist. 1. C. B. S. Watson,	\$453 18
7. J. F. Crockett,	71 90
8. Jacob Sanborn,	100 46
9. Fred M. Severence,	42 00
10. J. P. Pitman,	86 72
11. C. E. Morgan,	115 69
12. J. B. Corliss,	119 79
13. J. M. Robinson,	30 45
14. E. L. Filgate,	76 31
15. C. D. Brown,	28 50
16. C. H. True,	62 07
	----- \$1.187 07

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

S. Smith Jewett, building highway. Winter to Pine,	\$571 09
E. P. Osgood, repairs on cart,	24 40
G. Cook & Son, lumber,	31 15
.. .. new bridge,	2200 00
John Edwards, new bridge,	2691 67
Helen Whipple, land damage,	20 00
G. Cook & Son, lumber,	61 88
S. W. Sanders, drain pipe, etc.,	69 09
W. F. Johnson, grade on new bridge,	35 00
G. Cook & Son, lumber,	30 36
J. L. Robinson, hay for stable,	28 80
E. J. Dinsmore, supplies stable,	13 05
Seth Flanders, repairs bridge, Dist. No. 14,	5 15
S. Smith Jewett, building road, contract, Spring street,	127 20
S. S. Ayer, painting Weirs bridge,	21 70
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	83 04
Mrs. Ruth Smith, land damage,	5 00
G. Cook & Son, lumber,	372 52
C. A. Mack, painting new bridge,	13 00
H. J. Crooker & Co., labor and iron for bridge,	50 71
Rowe & Keasor, rebate on highway tax,	8 64
H. S. Stone, damage crossing land with grade,	10 00
Joseph Ross, plans drawbridge and ex. at Weirs,	39 00
Marshall Bros., pumping water, street troughs and stable,	50 00
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,	44 84
David Blaisdell, water trough, '83 and '84,	6 00

L. S. Perley, surveying,	\$10 00	
J. L. Dixon, stone for highways,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,630 29

HIGHWAYS.

Dist. 1.	C. B. S. Watson. (see his report)	\$3,478 01	
	A. J. Farrar, tools,	15 55	
	Geo. L. Mead, supplies,	13 84	
7.	J. F. Crockett,	36 75	
8.	Jacob Sanborn,	46 50	
9.	Fred M. Severence,	27 30	
10.	J. P. Pitman,	206 78	
11.	C. E. Morgan.	94 81	
12.	John B. Corliss,	42 15	
13.	J. M. Robinson,	16 65	
14.	S. A. Garland,	18 25	
15.	Chas. D. Brown,	36 54	
16.	C. H. True,	127 98	
		<hr/>	\$4,161 11

CURRENT EXPENSES OF PRECINCT.

H. J. Cooker & Co., blacksmithing,	\$ 3 75
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,	5 02
M. Scott, labor and team,	2 85
Samuel Eastman & Co., repairs and supplies,	12 85
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	25 55
Honeyman & Co., supplies,	4 00
G. Cook & Son, coal,	9 00
R. H. Carter, cash paid out,	5 27
J. Judkins, services as steward,	61 90
Western Electric Co., supplies,	21 80
Geo. L. Mead, supplies,	3 11
A. C. Leavitt, agent, freight,	1 05
F. H. Champlin, Supt. Fire Alarm,	63 75
Boston Dyewood & Chemical Co., supplies,	22 82
Henry Glover, cleaning floor, lobby,	4 00
" " " " and steamer,	2 00
E. E. Cutting, drying hose,	7 00
Jas. Boyd & Sons, repairing hose,	3 00
Western Electric Co., supplies,	36 75
Manchester Locomotive Works, supplies,	2 00
G. Cook & Sons, coal and blinds,	10 05
T. F. Ford, labor and cash paid out,	4 50
C. H. Rowe, labor,	1 35
J. Judkins, labor on steamer,	15 00

H. Glover, labor on steamer,	\$ 2 00	
E. E. Cutting, labor on hose and carriage,	7 00	
H. Glover, cleaning floor and steamer.	2 00	
W. J. Webster, painting ladders,	3 00	
E. J. Dinsmore, supplies,	3 50	
E. E. Cutting, drying hose.	3 00	
T. F. Ford, labor and cash paid out,	3 84	
G. E. Chase, services on fire alarm,	15 00	
J. L. Robinson, drawing Hook & Ladder truck at Fair,	3 00	
G. Cook & Son, coal, wood and lumber.	18 87	
T. F. Ford, labor,	3 65	
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas at engine house,	42 50	
C. Woodburn, freight and cartage,	1 10	
E. E. Cutting, removing snow from engine house,	5 00	
Boston Dyewood and Chemical Co., blue vit.,	17 38	
G. Cook & Son, lumber, wood and coal,	25 33	
Truland Bros., printing reports,	17 00	
F. A. Durrell, labor at engine house,	3 85	
A. L. Morrison, horse hire,	6 00	
Geo. L. Mead, supplies,	1 06	
Abel Machine Co., labor and material.	18 89	
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	5 18	
J. A. Wilcox, labor,	2 80	
Laconia Car Co., horses to fire, Feb. 16.	8 00	
E. E. Cutting, drying hose,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$549 32

PAID FIREMEN.

Steamer Co.,	\$345 00	
Hook and Ladder Co.,	460 00	
Reliance Hose Co.,	345 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,150 00

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

W. J. Severance,	\$35 00	
Frank N. Blaisdell,	8 00	
F. S. Cawley,	14 00	
J. C. Payson.	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$85 00

CURRENT EXPENSES.

John H. Pickering, lighting street lights,	\$ 4 80
J. W. Wells, night watch Reddy case.	2 00
Francis M. Gilman, damage to wife on highway.	300 00
E. H. Wilcomb, printing notices Reddy case,	2 50

Laconia Gas Light Co.,	\$ 644 44
Peter Cook, lighting street lights,	18 00
A. W. Abbott, notices of births and deaths,	3 25
Board of Education, services,	60 00
G. H. Silsby & Son, books and stationery,	6 00
F. D. Ellis, printing notices health officer,	5 00
Dr. O. Goss, returns of births and deaths,	50
Dr. H. C. Wells, "	2 75
E. P. Jewell, expense in Hasting's case,	38 00
M. S. Brown, reward in Reddy "	300 00
Jas. Judkins, cash paid out,	2 65
Peter Cook, lighting street lights,	18 00
J. H. Pickering, "	20 00
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent,	93 00
J. A. Seavey, night watch Reddy case,	2 00
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing,	90 75
A. C. Leavitt, wood, selectmen's room,	1 70
J. H. Pickering, lighting street lights,	20 00
A. J. Farrar, one-fourth carpet hall way,	2 00
J. F. Merrill, repairing water trough,	5 10
J. E. Everett, supplies, 1883,	3 00
James Stone, lighting street lights,	20 00
Mrs. Lyman Woodman, damage,	150 00
F. H. Coffin, printing tax bills,	5 50
James Stone, lighting street lights,	20 00
Novelty Job Printing Co.,	4 00
T. S. Foster, M. D., births and deaths,	2 25
Wm. H. Sanborn, damage to carriage, 1881,	25 00
John H. Pickering, lighting street lights and setting lamp posts,	21 50
S. S. Ayer, expense perambulating line,	3 20
J. Judkins, wood for lobby,	3 50
E. A. Hibbard, damage and cost in Mrs. Hannah C. Plummer's case,	822 13
J. H. Pickering, lighting street lights,	42 00
J. R. Champlin, lamp posts, lanterns, etc.,	107 75
Dr. H. E. Mace, return of births and deaths,	3 25
S. J. Lamprey, births and deaths,	28 25
J. H. Pickering, lighting street lights and labor,	25 00
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	4 26
S. S. Jewett, police room rent,	45 00
J. F. Harriman, supplies,	8 61
J. Gilbert, "	6 30
J. A. Mitchell, "	1 52

Mrs. A. B. Eastman, school books,	\$ 1 00	
A. G. Folsom, rent of Hall,	60 00	
Jewell & Stone, legal service,	300 00	
C. H. Lamprey, ice at drinking fountain,	20 00	
A. L. Morrison, horse hire,	3 00	
Ladd & Keasor, supplies for street lights,	67 38	
F. H. Coffin, printing,	1 25	
F. W. Ladd, cash paid out,	11 82	
S. J. Lamprey, cash paid out,	27 02	
Seth Flanders, " " "	22 62	
W. L. Melcher, tax on insurance stock, 1882,	27 47	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

John H. Robinson, supervisor, March and Nov. '84,	\$42 50	
Geo. E. Chase, health officer,	2 70	
J. W. Ashman, auditor,	2 00	
C. W. Tyler, " "	2 00	
Geo. E. Stevens, supervisor, spring '83 and '84,	37 50	
Geo. B. Lane, " Mar. and Nov. '84,	52 50	
James Judkins, night watch,	730 00	
S. J. Lamprey, services as selectman,	316 25	
J. W. Ashman, " town clerk,	105 44	
Seth Flanders, " selectman,	157 50	
C. A. Harvell, special police,	2 00	
John N. Stevens, " "	5 00	
C. A. Young, " "	10 00	
J. L. Moore, bal. services as selectman,	12 50	
E. Tetley, " " " "	4 00	
R. L. Bean, police at Weirs,	25 00	
F. W. Ladd, services as selectman,	175 00	
T. F. Ford, services as police,	52 00	
H. L. Wilkinson, fish and game warden,	25 00	
T. F. Ford, health officer,	46 60	
Mrs. A. B. Eastman, school committee,	50 00	
J. C. Shannon, overseer poor,	75 00	
John Watson, collector in Dist. 3, 4 and 5,	50 00	
O. W. Tibbetts, treasurer,	100 00	
S. C. Robinson, collector,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$2.330 49

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Town of Laconia in account with J. C. Shannon, Overseer of Poor, to March 1, 1885:

By cash received from County of Belknap for support of county paupers,	\$573 82	
By cash received from County of Belknap for support of Nellie Moody at State Industrial School,	78 00	\$651 82
Cash accounted for as follows:		
Paid for support of county paupers,	\$573 82	
" " Nellie Moody at State Industrial School,	78 00	\$651 82
Received from Town Treasurer,		\$350 00
Which is accounted for as follows:		
Aid to Mary A. Severance.	\$130 00	
Town of Gilford aid to M. A. Stevens to Mar. 1, 1884,	16 53	
Paid G. L. Mead, aid M. A. Stevens, from Mar. 1, '84,	7 80	
A. H. Prouty aid to Kate M. Hart,	24 00	
Town of Belmont aid to Kate M. Hart, '83-'84,	10 00	
A. W. Abbott, med. aid " " "	7 50	
H. E. Mace, " " " " "	12 00	
T. S. Foster, " " " " "	27 80	
A. W. Abbott, " " Annie Morissey,	4 00	
G. L. Mead, aid to Annie Morissey,	5 17	
D. B. Nelson, med. aid to Annie Morissey,	22 00	
J. H. Story, medicine for " "	15 65	
J. Gilbert, coffin, robe and box for Annie Morissey,	16 00	
Cash on hand,	51 55	\$350 00
J. C. SHANNON, Overseer of Poor.		

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts. \$49,353 26

DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	\$4,548 00
County tax,	5,170 53
Library tax,	500 00
Decorating soldiers' graves.	100 00
School orders,	4,467 39
Notes paid,	6,330 00

Interest on notes,	\$ 435 74
Breaking roads,	2,282 68
Roads and bridges,	10,791 40
Paupers bills, (see report)	350 00
Current expenses,	3,601 02
" " precinct,	549 32
Damage to sheep by dogs,	85 00
Firemen,	1,150 00
School-house tax,	650 00
Town officers,	2,330 49
Cash in hands of treasurer,	6,011 69
	<hr/> \$49,353 26

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer.

Laconia, Feb. 28, 1885.

Financial Condition of the Town, March 1, 1885.

LIABILITIES.

Due Mrs. M. A. Kelley, land damage, 1882,	\$ 1 00
A. G. Young, " 1883,	25 00
C. H. Rowe, " 1884,	150 00
Heirs of R. Gove, " "	50 00
In hands of treasurer appropriated for soldiers' monument,	2,000 00
On notes and interest,	19,231 70
	<hr/> \$21,457 70

NOTES OUTSTANDING.

		Amount.	Interest.
No. 27.	Mary W. Young, July 1, 1879,	\$ 100 00	\$ 2 67
30.	Clarinda S. Clark " 11, "	850 59	69 88
31.	Sarah J. Shepard, " 11, "	850 00	130 62
32.	Nathaniel Edwards, " 11, "	1,000 00	25 23
38.	Rhoda Smith, " 15, "	450 00	109 44
39.	Jona .G. Dow, " 15, "	385 50	92 24
40.	Ira Leighton, " 19, "	200 00	48 28
44.	Eliza A. Ames, Aug. 6, "	432 00	103 42
45.	John Smith, " 29, "	500 00	118 24
47.	Mary W. Young, Sept. 8, "	300 00	5 70
51.	Ella A. Morrison, Oct. 22, "	100 00	21 81
54.	Harriet Tebbetts, July 5, 1882,	275 00	7 18
1.	Wm. J. Morrison, Feb. 5, 1883,	400 00	34 06
2.	M. Emma Sanborn, " 7, "	500 00	1 60
3.	Horace Whicher, " 7, "	1,000 00	84 84
4.	Horace Whicher, Mar 2, "	1,000 00	81 60

5, Nellie Whicher, March 2, 1883,	\$1,000 00	\$ 81 60
6, Mary S. Whicher, " 2, "	1,000 00	81 60
9, Eben L. Dow, " 20, "	1,500 00	118 93
10, Nathaniel Edwards, 24, "	500 00	18 66
11, Colmer J. Smith, " 30, "	150 00	11 70
12, Eben L. Dow, " " "	1,000 00	78 12
13, B. M. Sanborn, Apr. 18, "	700 00	53 23
14, Andrew J. Varney, June 27, "	2,102 49	143 36
17, M. Florence Smith, May 8, 1884,	400 00	22 89
20, John Edwards, Dec. 5, 1884,	1,000 00	9 22
	<u>\$17,695 58</u>	<u>1,536 12</u>

ASSETS.

Due from A. Thompson as per last report,		\$54 59	
57 shares B., C. & M. R. R. stock,		570 00	
Stable and shed, Water street,		375 00	
Land on Water street,		800 00	
Pair horses,		300 00	
Cart, harnesses, blankets,		150 00	
Stone lifter,		25 00	
Road machine,		175 00	
D. B. Story, rent of room for sheriff's office,		16 00	
		<u>————</u>	\$2,465 59
John Watson, tax list '84,	\$3,061 75		
Interest collected,	5 55		
	<u>————</u>	\$3,067 30	
Less abatements,	\$15 45		
Paid treasurer,	2,850 68		
	<u>————</u>	\$2,866 13	
Balance due from collector,			\$201 20
S. C. Robinson, tax list 1884,	\$28,971 36		
Taxes added,	99 24		
Interest collected,	60 17		
	<u>————</u>	\$29,130 77	
Less Abatements,	\$224 65		
Paid treasurer,	26,300 00		
	<u>————</u>	\$26,524 65	
Balance due from collector,			\$2,606 12
Cash in hands of treasurer,			6,011 69
			<u>————</u>
			\$11,284 60
Liabilities, March 1, 1885,			21,457 70
Less Assets,			11,284 60
			<u>————</u>
Liabilities, March 1, 1885, less assets,			\$10,173 10

We would recommend that the town raise five thousand dollars for highways and bridges,

S. J. LAMPREY, } Selectmen
F. W. LADD, } of
SETH FLANDERS, } Laconia.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHAS. W. TYLER, }
J. W. ASHMAN, } Auditors.

Highway Surveyor's Report.

REPORT OF C. B. S. WATSON, SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS, DISTRICT
NO. 1, LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Received from town treasurer,		\$4,200 00
Received of Moses Connor for street waste,	\$36 00	
Peter Trainor, for old plank,	3 00	
Joseph Samson, " "	1 00	
Aaron Connor, " "	2 00	
C. P. Dow, " "	1 50	
Nelson Hartson, " "	3 00	
Aaron Connor, " "	4 00	
Alonzo Randlett, " "	3 00	
Jefferson Gilbert, street waste,	2 00	
C. B. S. Watson, " "	3 00	
Orin Huse, for stone,	2 00	
C. P. Dow, for old plank,	1 50	
L. D. Brown for old plank,	1 50	
C. A. Young, use of plow and scraper,	2 00	
J. F. Sanborn, for old plank,	50	
John Clay, for manure,	13 33	
F. W. Ladd, for street waste,	8 00	
D. B. Nelson, " "	1 00	
W. L. Melcher, canal,	46 00	
	<hr/>	\$134 33
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		\$4,334 33

Paid out as follows for breaking roads, Spring 1884:

C. B. S. Watson, as per vouchers,	\$54 00
" " " team,	5 50
Aaron Connor,	60 00
Benj. Rand,	32 12
David Edwards,	10 00
Josiah Davis,	4 12
Fisk Durrell,	5 25
George Walker,	6 90
Nichols Murphy,	5 25
Joseph Samson,	13 00
Peter Octo,	10 00

Paid Charles Winn,	\$8 85	
E. L. Plummer,	75	
Arthur M. Smith,	2 25	
Albert Merrill,	2 10	
Martin Morissey,	10 60	
John Pickering,	6 55	
Jerry Sullivan,	15 25	
Charles Davis,	75	
J. H. Price,	97	
Miles Rhall,	3 25	
Athanase Henard,	1 35	
Joseph Tatro,	2 25	
J. C. Ladd,	5 50	
Clarence Nichols,	2 25	
		\$268 81
Paid whole amount for breaking roads in spring,		\$268 81
Expenditures of Highway District No. 1, 1884:		

Paid C. B. S. Watson, as per vouchers for labor,	
etc.,	\$395 75
C. B. S. Watson, team, as per voucher,	237 00
Aaron Connor,	444 00
Benj. Rand,	290 25
George Walker,	51 50
Joseph Samson,	240 25
M. Morissey,	7 50
Jerry Sullivan,	29 25
Miles Rhall,	37 75
Joseph Tatro,	254 50
Abraham Delill,	37 75
George Perry,	126 00
Phillip Blair,	27 50
George Dunham,	8 25
Joseph Truckee,	1 50
A. Cuttingham,	75
Peter Twombly,	4 50
Alfred Longever,	133 00
Joseph Robinson,	140 25
Curtis Moore,	22 50
George P. Folsome,	1 50
John Dow,	1 50
C. A. Young,	58 25
Octave Gay,	4 50
John Swain,	8 00
Dick Young,	9 75

Paid O. H. Daniels,	\$ 3 00	
George Hennessey,	3 00	
Charles Horne,	3 00	
J. Y. Sanborn,	7 25	
Gas Co., iron pipe,	5 73	
A. V. Smith, sewer grates,	8 88	
J. W. Busiel & Co.,	4 50	
B. M. Sanborn, grade,	10 32	
W. F. Johnson, grade,	3 50	
George Sleeper, covering stone,	9 60	
John Edwards, stone curb and grade,	6 15	
Wiggin & Co.,	9 61	
J. C. Ladd, grade,	1 00	
L. M. Pike, concreting,	634 73	
J. H. Crooker & Co.,	41 65	
W. D. Huse,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,328 17
Paid breaking roads, Winter of 1884-5 :	.	
C. B. S. Watson, as per vouchers,	\$73 00	
.. .. team, as per vouchers,	37 00	
Aaron Connor,	60 00	
Benj. Rand,	51 00	
David Edwards,	7 92	
Josiah Davis,	6 45	
Nichols Murphy,	2 25	
Charles Winn,	4 50	
E. L. Plummer,	2 25	
A. B. Merrill,	2 25	
M. Morissey,	3 75	
John Pickering,	75	
J. H. Price,	4 38	
Joseph Tatro,	3 00	
Alfred Longever,	14 00	
John Swain,	8 25	
Charles Horne,	3 00	
George Edwards,	13 75	
Ira Moore,	8 25	
E. K. Cook,	1 50	
G. N. Clark,	4 35	
J. Calvin Randlett,	5 00	
Simon J. Cotton,	75	
R. M. Smith,	60	
L. C. Cheney,	7 28	
Fred C. Watson,	8 75	

Paid Harlo Piersons,	\$ 7 50	
Albert Gay,	6 00	
R. F. Whicher,	1 50	
L. W. Davis,	6 00	
George A. Smith,	3 75	
J. S. Chase,	2 40	
A. L. Morrison,	10 00	
William Haines,	3 00	
C. E. Merrill	2 25	
Michael Long,	2 63	
Joseph Belowin,	1 50	
C. L. Follansbee,	2 25	
R. E. Sanborn,	1 05	
George Labbranch,	3 00	
John Corser,	3 00	
Thomas Gay,	3 00	
Joseph Garno,	3 00	
Wesley Farrar,	75	
Nelson Richardson,	2 10	
John C. Ladd,	12 25	
John Nichols,	40 77	
John Sanborn,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$453 18
Paid expenses and supplies for stable :		
A. C. Leavitt, coal,	\$ 26 08	
Laconia Grist Mill Co., grain,	113 10	
Marshall Bros., grain,	9 90	
L. B. Brown, hay,	40 59	
E. P. Osgood, repairs,	8 00	
E. A. Page, repairs,	3 00	
J. H. Crooker, shoeing horses,	19 15	
Lotion Co., liniment,	2 25	
T. S. Foster, liniment,	2 33	
Oliver L. Sanborn, straw,	4 95	
R. H. Muzzey, clipping horses' legs,	50	
George L. Mead, supplies,	4 69	
Cash on hand to balance,	49 63	
	<hr/>	\$284 17

C. B. S. WATSON, Surveyor.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHAS. W. TYLER, }
J. W. ASHMAN, } Auditors.

SCHEDULE OF TOOLS BELONGING TO HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1
MARCH 1, 1885.

1 sled, 1 stone drag, 1 ice crusher, 4 iron bars, 14 drills. 2 striking hammers, 5 grub hoes, 1 roller, 7 chains, 2 axes, 2 faced hammers, 1 hand hammer, 4 picks, 6 hoes, 1 plow, 1 desk, 2 lamps, 1 set fall blocks, 2 baskets, 1 water pot, 1 bush scythe and snath, 1 bit stock, 2 levels, 1 shave, 1 paving hammer, 1 hatchet, 1 square, 2 chisels, 1 handsaw, 2 coal hods, 2 oil cans, 1 harrow, 3 wheelbarrows, 1 concrete heater, 30 tar barrels, 1 manure fork, 1 tar ladle, 16 wooden snow shovels, 6 rakes, 6 steel shovels, 1 concrete roller, 1 stove, 2 lanterns, 1 pitchfork, 2 pails, 1 scythe and snath, 1 set pruning shears, 18 bits, 2 planes, 1 two-inch auger, 1 mallet, 1 nail hammer, 1 bevel, 1 trowel, 1 pair saw-horses, 1 ten-kettle, 1 monkey-wrench, 2 dirt scrapers, 7 snow plows, 1 concrete kettle, 3 gravel screens, 1 tape line, 1 tool box.

Stone and grade on hand,	\$10 00
Tile pipe,	12 00
Plank,	5 00
Seven sewer grates,	10 00
Lot of old brick,	12 00

The town not having voted any stated sum at the last annual meeting, I have expended six hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-three cents (\$634 73) for concreting; have laid 875 square yards of new concrete at an average cost of 60 cents per square yard; also recovered 846 square yards of old walks at 25 cents per square yard. I have laid new walks where I thought they were most needed, and would have done more if I had had more money. I would recommend raising more highway money and the use of a part for concreting. I have used the new road machine and am satisfied that it is a great saving of labor in repairing roads. I have not laid a great deal of tile pipe for drainage for this reason, if we are to have a system of water works we must have a thorough system of Drainage.

The average cost of keeping the town team the past year was \$3.75 per week.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. S. WATSON.

Public Library.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF LACONIA:

The Trustees of the Public Library present the seventh annual report:

The Library now contains 4,196 volumes, classified as follows:

Juvenile,	469
Fiction,	1,233
History, Travels, Biography, Poetry, Scientific, and all others,	2,494

Since the last report 305 vols. have been added. The following persons have given one or more volumes: Increase N. Tarbox, Hon. H. W. Blair, Hon. A. F. Pike, Hon. M. A. Haynes.

The State publications have been received as usual. More than 40 vols. have been purchased with the income from the Helen A. Avery fund. A large number of books having worn out, it was thought best to begin to replace them, which has been done at a cost of \$80. With that part of the yearly appropriation left after paying the running expenses of library together with the \$50, donated by the principal actors in the Great Spiritual Campaign of last summer, some 200 volumes have been purchased.

A supplementary catalogue has been issued.

Owing to the limited sale of the last catalogue, and it appearing to the trustees that the old price of 40 cts. was too much for the public spirit of a large majority of the patrons of the library, they have fixed the price, including the supplement, at the popular price of 25 cents.

The usual tables are as follows:

Whole number of cards issued,	2,607
Number issued during year,	239
Greatest number of books taken in a day,	382
Average each day,	189
Greatest number out at any one time,	640
Average number out.	491
Total number taken during the year,	19,785

Of these the average taken each day has been as follows:

Juveniles,	28
Fiction,	116
All others,	45

A report of the financial condition of the Library is hereby appended.

JAMES H. TILTON,	} Trustees.
JOHN T. BUSIEL,	
CHAS. F. PITMAN,	
W. F. KNIGHT,	
J. W. ASHMAN.	

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT WITH WM. F. KNIGHT,
TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

1884.		
March 1.	Balance on hand as per last report,	\$ 9 33
	Town appropriation for current year,	500 00
	Fines from Miss Nellie Whicher, Librarian two qrs., 6 months,	29 92
	From book destroyed and sale of old books,	76
	" sale of catalogues,	6 00
	Fines from E. F. Reeves, Librarian 1 quarter, 3 months,	10 88
	From sale of catalogues, E. F. Reeves, Librarian,	2 40
	From damage on book, Librarian,	25
	" J. W. Ashman for 1 book,	1 10
	" J. W. Ashman, John N. Stevens and J. J. Lane, balance of receipts from Spiritualist entertainment, W. Edwards and others,	50 00
		<u>\$610 74</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Truland Bros., printing,	3 75
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing,	6 25
F. H. Coffin, printing,	1 25
E. B. Beaman, rebinding books,	58 50
Miss Nellie Whicher, salary, 6 months,	62 50
A. G. Folsom, rent, 1 year,	100 00
Paid for washing windows, etc.,	1 50
Laconia Gas Light Co., for gas,	22 00
Express on books as per bills,	1 98
E. F. Reeves, salary three months,	31 25
" " for repairing desk,	90
" " one index book,	5 00
" " postal cards,	5 00
W. L. Melcher & Co., insurance,	18 75

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Estes & Lauriat, for books,	<u>273 74</u>	<u>\$592 37</u>
Balance on hand at date,		\$18 37
Income from the Helen A. Avery fund:		
1884.		
March 1. Balance on hand as per last report,	\$29 83	
May 31. Received from interest,	35 00	
Dec. 4. " " "	<u>35 00</u>	\$99 83
1885.		
Paid Estes & Lauriat for books,		<u>76 19</u>
March 2. Balance on hand at date,		\$23 64

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHAS. W. TYLER, } Auditors.
J. W. ASHMAN, }

School Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LACONIA:

The Board of Education for School District No. 1 herewith submit their tenth annual report:

The number of schools in the district has been increased by one, making ten schools in all. During the spring term the Second Primary grades were so crowded that it was evident that something must be done to relieve them: therefore before the commencement of the fall term, the spare room at the south brick school-house was furnished and put in readiness and another school established. Some of the scholars that had previously attended on the north side were sent to the South and the South Second Primary divided, Miss Goodspeed taking the larger and more advanced class up stairs to the new room and Miss J. Annie Robinson was employed to take charge of the smaller scholars in the room below, formerly occupied by Miss Goodspeed. The other schools in the building have remained the same and under the same teachers as last year. The Academy building, which does not belong to the district, being out of repair, has been put in a condition to meet the requirements of the lease, by re-painting and doing other repairs which were much needed. The schools in that building are the High School and South Grammar, the former under the same teacher as for two years past, with a larger number of pupils during the fall and winter terms than has been usual in that school, showing an increased interest, as less are falling out before reaching or entering the High School.

The South Grammar was taught by Mrs. Lizzie L. Eustice during the spring and fall terms, and by Miss Belle F. Small during the winter term. At the North Brick, some repairs and painting has been done, while the schools in that building, which are the North Grammar, Intermediate, First and Second Primary, have been maintained. The Grammar School has had a different teacher each term the past year, which is not desirable. The other schools in the building have had the same teachers during the year with the exception that Miss Sarah D. Knowlton was temporarily relieved by Mrs. Menta B. Knowlton in the winter term. We are pleased to say that we know of no change to be made in teachers for the next term. No change has been made in the course of studies or text books the past year. By referring to the statistical table, the names of all our teachers and other information may be readily obtained. We have so many schools that we shall not undertake to particularize, but suffice it to say that we think the teachers in the different departments of our schools have labored faithfully and persistently, and the pupils have mostly shown a disposition to act well their part and the result has been that a commendable progress has been made, fully up to that of previous years.

The whole number of scholars attending the public schools of the district two weeks or more during the year has been 487, of whom 235 were boys and 252 were girls; of those reported, 29 were under 6 years of age and 32 were over 16. The whole number of children in the district between 5 and 15 years of age as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 612, of whom 301 were boys and 311 girls.

The number of scholars who have been on the roll of honor each term during the year is as follows:

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
High School,	9	12	9
North Grammar,	11	12	5
South Grammar,	14	9	4
South Intermediate,	14	19	20
North Intermediate,	19	10	11
North First Primary,	19	16	5
North Second Primary,	27	9	7
South First Primary,	26	18	7
South Second Primary,	12	16	4
South Third Primary,		9	5
W. L. MELCHER,	} Board of Education.		
JOHN G. JEWETT,			
GEO. L. MEAD,			
L. MALVERN,			
MRS. F. L. TYLER,			
SARAH L. MERRILL,			

The following report, with statistical table annexed, is respectfully submitted to the citizens of the town:

The schools under my supervision the past year have been characterized by good order and thoroughness of instruction. They have been taught by female teachers who realize the importance of thorough elementary instruction as the foundation of good scholarship in after years.

Unusual interest has been manifested in the branches of reading, spelling and penmanship, with corresponding good results. The subject of reading cannot be too highly estimated. It lies at the foundation of all future scholarship, and is the channel through which we derive the greater portion of our knowledge; therefore, I would impress upon the minds of both teachers and pupils the necessity of thoroughness in this branch.

In District No. 3 we were again obliged to submit to a change of teachers each term. This school has suffered much in the past from too frequent change of teachers. This is all wrong; it is a waste of time and money; an obstacle in the way of rapid improvement and a hindrance to success. However, no blame rests upon the prudential committee, who was untiring in his efforts for the good of the school, and was, like those of the other districts, remarkably fortunate in the selection of teachers. Prudential committees should be persons who are interested in the cause of education, thoroughly qualified, and who fully understand the needs of their respective districts; else we shall fail to receive from our schools all that we have a right to expect. Teachers are in part responsible for the future character of their pupils. The school-room is a place where lasting impressions are made; where

principles are inculcated, that will shape character in after life. How important then, that the young be taught principles of truth, honesty, virtue and morality, for upon the qualities of the heart more than the head depends the future well being of society.

Our schools are not supplied with all the necessary apparatus we would desire, but hope the time will soon come when the deficiency will be supplied. During the past year District No. 3 has been supplied with a new black-board, a set of "The Complete School Charts," 32 in number, having been procured by voluntary contribution from the citizens of the district. They contributed liberally to the enterprise, and I take this opportunity to thank them for it, hoping that the money expended may be productive of much good.

Let me urge upon all, especially parents, to make an occasional visit to the school-room, as it is desirable and essential to the prosperity of the school.

The whole number of children in the town between 5 and 15 years old, as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 651, of whom 319 were boys and 332 were girls.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss J. Estelle Locke taught the summer term, with favorable prospects at the commencement. Miss Locke succeeded in gaining the confidence of her pupils, and labored for their improvement. Owing to illness of the teacher the school closed abruptly, consequently was not visited at the close. Number of visitors during the term was nine. Punctuality noticeable. Of the fourteen scholars attending school, eleven names appear on the roll of honor: Charles W. Cawley, Frank S. Willey, Herman Thompson, Bertha H. Flanders, Lena M. Flanders, O. Eva Cawley, Grace G. Kimball, Arny Belle Thompson, Della M. Thompson, Angie May Eastman, Ida B. Willey.

FALL TERM. Taught by Miss Julia A. Davis, who is a teacher of much experience. She succeeded in interesting her scholars and the good understanding between teacher and scholars, tended to good success. Best classification ever yet seen in this school; marked improvement in all branches. This school has some superior scholars. The examination showed that a good work had been accomplished by teacher and scholars, and both deserve much credit for their perseverance and success. The good order, at the closing examination, was commendable. Number of visitors during the term was twenty-three. Roll of honor: Charles W. Cawley, Albert W. Head, Leroy J. Severance, Frank S. Wiley, Angie May Eastman, Annie E. Hadley, Lena M. Flanders, Grace G. Kimball, Ida B. Willey.

WINTER TERM—Mrs. Cynthia A. Hill, teacher. An experienced teacher. When visited at commencement, the teacher and scholars were well at work, and the school bid fair to be a success. Number of visitors fourteen. Term not closed. Up to date, Feb. 28, the following names have the roll of honor: Bertha H. Flanders, Leroy J. Severance, Albert W. Head.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Mrs. E. D. Morrison has been retained as teacher the entire school year. Five successive years she has taught here (with the exception of two terms) which fact is in itself a good recommendation. Kind, yet firm in her manner of governing, the results of her efforts were

highly satisfactory. The examination gave evidence of thorough and practical work. In arithmetic the pupils were required to give the reasons why such results were obtained. The blackboard exercises by the advanced class are seldom if ever excelled. The best drilled classes in geography anywhere seen. Excellent reading and spelling by the larger portion of the school. Punctuation received more than usual attention. Fine specimens of penmanship were noticeable. Number of visitors during the year was 13. Roll of Honor: First Term—Maud Doe, Etta Moulton, Fred Moore, Harry Hilliard, Elmer Moulton. Second Term—Nellie Bean, Gorda Bean. Third Term—Maud Doe, Fred Moore.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM—Miss J. Annie Robinson teacher. Miss Robinson labored earnestly and successfully for the advancement of her pupils. Good order and studious habits are characteristic of this school. The good reputation of the school was maintained, and reflects much credit on the citizens of the district, and the interest manifested by them in the school had a powerful influence for good. The examination was well conducted, and the pupils made commendable progress in all the branches taught. Number of visitors during the term, 21. Roll of Honor—Lillian M. Brown, Etta H. Filgate, Fred J. Huntress, Willie I. Filgate, Willis G. Watson.

FALL TERM—Taught by Miss Mary E. Bennett, with good success. Miss Bennett well understands her duties and responsibilities and has fully sustained her former reputation as a thorough and practical teacher. Instruction well adapted to the different ages of the scholars. No special preparation made for the final examination, but all the exercises gave evidence of thoroughness. The well drilled classes in reading, with quotations from different authors, were interesting and highly satisfactory. The classes in arithmetic appeared well, also those in geography. Excellent specimens of map drawing were shown. Number of visitors during the term, 37. Roll of Honor—Fred E. Barnes, Willis E. Floyd.

ANGELINA B. EASTMAN, School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

GRADED SCHOOLS—DIST. NO. 1.

Term.	Grade of School.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per Month.	Length of School in Weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of pupils attending to the following studies:							
							Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.
Spring.	High School....	Helen W. Poor.....	\$8 48	12 27	27 34	.. 18	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..
	North Grammar..	Carrie A. Craig.....	40 11	38 36	38	38 38	38	14	38	24	38	..	..	..
	South Grammar..	Lizzie L. Litchfield...	40 11	38 35	38	38 38	38	6	38	32	38	..	..	..
	No. Intermediate	Hattie H. Philbrick..	36 11	44 42	44	44 44	44	44	23	..	44	..	14	..
	No. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton.....	36 11	32 29	31	32 32	32	32	15	..	32	..	..	..
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton ..	36 10	39 34	39	39 39	39	20	..	..	..	..	39	..
	No. 2d Primary..	Fannie A. Shannon...	36 10	67 57	67	67 67	29	..	..	..	..	..	67	67
	No. 1st Primary..	Alice M. Nelson.....	36 10	52 50	51	51 51	51	29	..	..	..	..	51	..
	No. 2d Primary..	Florence I. Goodspeed	36 10	88 71	88	88 88	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	High Sch. of....	Helen W. Poor.....	48 12	46 45	34	..	..	..	23	23	..	..	..	..
Fall.	No. Grammar....	Estelle M. Cobb	40 11	50 45	50	50 50	50	24	50	26	50	..	..	..
	No. Grammar....	Lizzie L. Eustace.....	40 11	37 33	37	37 37	37	25	37	26	37	..	..	..
	No. Intermediate	Mrs. Hattie H. Watson	36 11	37 35	37	37 37	37	37	20	..	37	..	37	..
	No. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton.....	36 11	47 41	47	47 47	47	17	..	47	..	..	..	..
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton...	36 10	36 31	36	36 36	36	24	..	..	..	..	36	..
	No. 2d Primary..	Fannie A. Shannon...	36 10	65 52	65	65 65	32	..	..	..	..	..	65	65
	No. 1st Primary..	Alice M. Nelson.....	36 10	43 34	43	43 43	43	12	..	..	..	..	43	..
	No. 2d Primary..	Florence I. Goodspeed	36 10	43 39	43	43 43	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No. 3d Primary..	J. Annie Robinson....	36 10	44 39	44	44 44	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	44
	High School....	Helen W. Poor.....	48 12	44 43	34	..	..	..	23	23	..	..	..	..
Winter.	No. Grammar....	May E. Rowe.....	40 10	47 42	47	47 47	47	20	47	27	47	..	..	..
	No. Grammar....	Belle W. Small.....	40 11	31 27	31	31 31	31	15	31	16	31	..	..	..
	No. Intermediate	Mrs. Hattie H. Watson	36 10	33 26	33	33 33	33	18	..	33	..	..	33	..
	No. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton.....	3 11	46 42	46	46 46	46	15	..	46	..	..	..	..
	No. 1st Primary..	Mrs. M. B. Knowlton.	36 10	38 34	38	38 38	38	..	..	..	..	..	38	..
	No. 2d Primary..	Fannie A. Shannon...	36 10	55 42	55	55 55	26	..	..	..	..	..	55	55
	No. 1st Primary..	Alice M. Nelson.....	36 10	45 40	45	45 45	45	14	..	..	..	..	45	..
	No. 2d Primary..	Florence I. Goodspeed	36 10	39 31	39	39 39	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No. 3d Primary..	J. Annie Robinson....	36 10	38 31	38	38 38	38	..	..	..	..	..	38	38
	High School....	Helen W. Poor.....	48 12	44 43	34	..	..	..	23	23	..	..	..	..

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Dist.	Term.	Name of Teacher.													
3	Summer.....	J. Estelle Locke.....	\$26	8 14	13 14 14	11 14	8 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall.....	Julia A. Davis.....	3 10	19 17	19 19 10	10 13	15 12	2 3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Winter.....	Cynthia A. Hill.....	32	13 18	.. 18 18	10 18	15 7 5	3 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	Summer.....	Eliza D. Morrison....	30	8 16	15 16 16	15 14	6 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall.....	Eliza D. Morrison....	30	8 13	11 13 13	13 13	9 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Winter.....	Eliza D. Morrison....	32	8 20	19 20 20	20 19	10 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	Summer.....	J. Annie Robinson....	26	8 12	12 12 12	11 11	7 5	..	1 3	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall.....	Mary E. Bennett.....	30	11 10	9 10 10	7 8	6 3	1 1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..

For the last three columns of Ungraded School Table read Algebra, Physiology, Book-Keeping, in place of corresponding Headings in Graded School Table.

In the High School, at different times, those studying the higher branches were as follows: Geology, 19; Physical Geography, 39; Physiology 23; Book-Keeping, 32; Algebra, 32; Geometry, 20; Civil Government, 19; Chemistry, 22; Astronomy; 13; Botany, 6; Natural History, 31; Rhetoric, 13.

